WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Sunny. High 87. Mon. night - Partly Cloudy. Low 67. Tuesday - Sunny. High 89. Low 68. Tuesday night - Mostly Clear. Low 70.

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TN Unemployment Record Low

Tennessee set a record low for statewide unemployment in May when its seasonally adjusted rate dropped to 3% for the first time. The latest county unemployment data from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development showed continued low county unemployment across the state. All 95 counties had unemployment rates at or below 4.4% in May and only five counties had a jobless number at or above 4%. The TN Department of Labor has released the latest unemployment numbers county by county for the month of May. In Southeast Tenn the unemployment rates for May show:

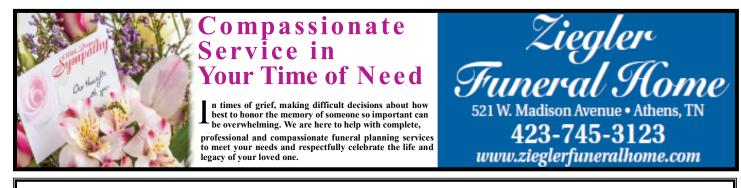
May 2024					May 2023	
County	Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Rate	Rate	Change
Bradley	50,580	49,088	1494	3.0	3.4	-0.4
McMinn	20,946	20,219	727	3.5	3.9	-0.4
Meigs	4,878	4,689	189	3.9	4.4	-0.5
Monroe	20,799	20,189	610	2.9	3.2	-0.3
Rhea	13,761	13,233	528	3.8	4.2	-0.4

Community News You Can Use

• The City of Athens Public Works Department will close Hornsby Street from White Street to Jackson Street for a mural application from July 1 at 9:00. am until July 15 at 9:00 pm. Motorists should be cautious, follow detours, and expect delays. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.







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Starr Regional Etowah Celebrates AHA Milestone



Pictured from left to right are David Alley, CFO, Starr Regional Medical Center; Rebecca Jolley, AHA Regional Executive; and John McLain, CEO, Starr Regional Medical Center.

The American Hospital Association (AHA) awarded Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah, Tennessee, a 50-year Membership Milestone Achievement Award for its long-standing participation and leadership. The award was presented by AHA Regional Executive Rebecca Jolley to the center's leadership team on June 24, 2024. Starr Regional is part of Lifepoint Health, dedicated to on-

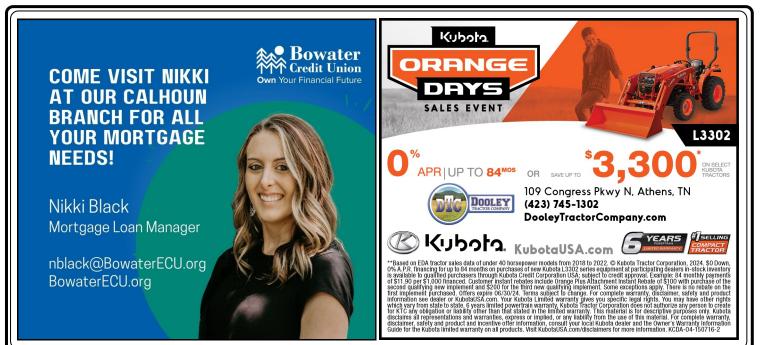
going growth to meet healthcare needs. Jolley said, ""Starr Regional Medical Center is a cornerstone of care. Since joining the AHA more than 50 years ago, Starr Regional Medical Center has provided high-quality, compassion filled care to patients in the community while also helping to train the next generation of caregivers." *Photo courtesy of Starr Regional Medical Center*

Obituaries

Linda Faris Chesnutt passed away peacefully on June 28th after a courageous five-year battle with ovarian cancer. She graduated from McMinn County High School in 1964 and briefly attended Knoxville Business College. A celebration of Linda's life will be held at a later date. The family wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during this difficult time. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth Murphy, 91 of Englewood, passed away Friday, June 28. She loved gardening and quilting. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 2 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 6:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m., prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Shady Grove Cemetery, Wednesday, July 3 for the 10:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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What Day is It?

Today In History - July 1

1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the first Pacific Railroad Act "to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean."

1863 - The Civil War Battle of Gettysburg began on this date. The Northern forces won a victory and the battle marked a turning point in the war.

1898 - Teddy Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" took San Juan Hill in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

1903 - The first *Tour de France* bicycle race began, and the race went on to become cycling's most prestigious and difficult event.

1963 - The U.S. Postal Service instituted the Zone Improvement Plan Code, commonly known as the ZIP Code.

1968 - The United States, the United Kingdom, the U.S.S.R., and 59 other states signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in an attempt to halt the spread of nuclear weapons.

1979 - Sony began selling its Walkman, a portable cassette player; an international sensation, the device changed the way people listened to music.

Obituaries

Kenneth Howard Johnson, Jr. (Kenny), 44 of Riceville, passed away peacefully at his home on June 28. Kenny was a man of many talents and will be deeply missed by those who knew him. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM in the Companion Funeral Home Original Chapel located at 2415 Georgetown Road NW in Cleveland, TN. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland is honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

Ruth Derrick Torbett, 90 of Englewood, passed away on Friday, June 28. She lived a full life of serving and taking care of her loved ones. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2nd at Mars Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week on Main Street Moments: Athens City Councilman and Vice-Mayor Larry Eaton will join host Sandra Kinney to talk about animal rescue and rehabilitation. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO : AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

